



**First Presbyterian Church  
Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 19, 2021 – 10:00 AM**

**Prelude** : The Shepherds and the Angels  
O Holy Night

**Ringing of the bell** :

**Piano/Organ Duet** : Silent Night

**Welcome** : Elizabeth Fox

**Announcements** : Emily Speer

**Advent Wreath**

**Hymn – Sing the Faith #2090** : The Advent Song Verses 1 - 4

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** : Joseph Kor & Family

**Hymn (*See Insert*)** : Candles Glowing Verses 1 - 4

**Call to worship** :

Leader : Keep watch! For the One who brings peace is coming.

**People** : **We wait in anticipation for Christ.**

Leader : We wait for God's revealing of joy. Remain alert!

**People** : **Love is coming to dwell among us.**

**All** : **Hope draws near.**

## Prayer of Confession:

Leader : In our waiting and preparation, we come to rest, again, at the foot of the cross. Even in this season of anticipation, we see the fullness of God's promised redemption in the waters of baptism. As those who are fully known and redeemed, we confess our sin before God and one another.

All : **O God, giver of all good gifts, we come before you as children in need of your wisdom and grace. Our fears and our hopes are braided together in the rhythm of daily life. Our visions of the future depend on our own hands and ability. Our expectations remain reasonable and within our control. Break into this tangle of fear and hope, bringing peace to our souls. Break into our vision of the future, returning us to your hands. Break into our expectations, awakening us with curiosity and wonder; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Leader : Christ's coming is certain. God's promise is true. Trust in the transformational power of God's forgiveness and receive the gift of God's love. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All : **Thanks Be To God! Amen**

Gloria Patri : *(Please Stand)*

Children's Sermon

**Scripture Reading** : Micah 5: 2-5a Hebrews 10: 5-10

**Hymn #11** : O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

**Gospel** : Luke 1: 39-55

**Prayer for Illumination:**

God of hope, who never lets us go, draw near to us in these ancient words. By your Holy Spirit may we be filled, lifted up, and leveled as you prepare in our hearts the path of your coming. **Amen.**

**Message:** Hope and Joy  
Elizabeth Fox

**Hymn #44** : O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Affirmation of Faith:** **Adapted from the Confession of 1967**

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Offering** : *(Please place offering in plate by back door)*

**Organ/Piano Duet** : What Child is This

**Doxology** : *(Please Stand)*

**Prayer of Dedication** : *(Please Stand)*

God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives as an offering of gratitude for your grace. Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to your word, for nothing is impossible with you. Amen.

Luke 1:35–38; 1 Corinthians 1:4

**Hymn #9** : O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Charge & Benediction** : *(Please Stand)*

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Go now, sharing the light of Christ with others as you walk on the path of peace. Luke 1:78–79

**Postlude** : Good Christian Men Rejoice

Following worship, everyone is invited to Westminster Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. Our wonderful volunteers this week are Belinda, Andrea, and kids. If you would like to sign up for fellowship, please do so in the Westminster Hall.

Thank you to our ushers this week: Rod & Jan Ditmeyer. If you'd like to sign up to be an usher/greeter/candle lighter, please contact the office to volunteer.

### **This Week's Opportunities**

**Today, December 19, 2021**

10:00 AM ~ Worship

**Friday, December 24**

Office Closed for Christmas

5:00 PM ~ Christmas Service

**Saturday, December 25**

Merry Christmas!

**Sunday, December 26**

No Worship Today – See you next year!



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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**December 19, 2021**

### **Christmas Joy Offering Today**

#### **Poinsettias Available for Order**

Poinsettias are \$8.00 each and can be dedicated "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of". All Poinsettias must be picked up on Christmas Eve or Donated to members of the church who are unable to be with us in person during the holidays. Sign-ups are in the Narthex or can be ordered by contacting the office.

#### **Church Library Discontinued**

The books formerly in the church library will be on a table in Westminster Hall. You are invited to go through these and take any that you would like. Any books left will either be donated or brought to the paper truck.

#### **Pastoral Nominating Committee**

The PNC has met to begin work to find a pastor. They are in the beginning stages of their work and need your prayers at this time.

#### **Fellowship Sign-Ups**

Please sign up for the fellowship. Fellowship Sign-ups are in the Fellowship Hall.

#### **Thank You from Val Chester**

Val Chester would like to thank Ridgeview, the Deacons, and Becky Sigmond for last week's communion visit and treats. The treats from Becky were delicious and visiting with the Deacons was a treat in and of itself.

*Attendance on December 12*

*54 In-Person*

*155 Online*

*47 Served (Communion)*

~ Poinsettias were Given by ~

**Peggy Taubert**

In Loving Memory of Dale & Darlene  
Taubert

**Gary & Marge Vandervoort**

**Heidi & Jeff Arendt**

**Marybeth Cory & Robinson Funk**

In Loving Memory of Robbie Erdman &  
Darwin Veld

**Ruth & Rod Erdman**

**Randy & Marge & Family**

In Loving Memory of Robbie Erdman &  
Darwin Veld

**Jean Goodspeed**

In Loving Memory of Bob Goodspeed &  
Tracy Hutson

**Brad & Kris Carson**

In Loving Memory of Glenn Eichhorn, Bill  
Carson, and Delwin Lopau

**Brad & Sue Gorter & Family**

In Loving Memory of Jack Carstensen, John  
& Geraldine Gorter, Sharla Drew, Gleann  
Greve, and David Carr

**Jean Stoltenberg**

In Loving Memory of All Friends & Family

**Lana & Glen Eeten**

In Loving Memory of Pat & Fred Eeten and  
Pat Johnson

**Arleen Heidebrink**

In Loving Memory of Mitch Heidebrink

**Ron Raatz**

In Loving Memory of Bernice & Emil Raatz

**Emily Speer**

In Loving Memory of Gloria Ludolph and  
Leon & Stella Ludolph

**Betty Weime**

In Loving Honor of Steve Weets and Denise  
Nagel

**Bill & Joan Schulze**

In Loving Memory of Gerrit & Betty  
Wabeke

**Doug & Denise Nagel**

In Loving Honor of Beverly Aggen  
In Loving Memory of Harry Aggen,  
Addison Nagel, and Lendert & Darlene  
Nagel

**Bud Eernisse**

In Loving Memory of Marlyn Eernisse

**John & Jean McCallum**

In Loving Honor of Ray & Myra Christian  
In Loving Memory of John & Marjorie  
McCallum

**Jim & Jan Bieber**

In Loving Memory of Earl & Eileen Rich  
Bieber

**Charlotte Sudenga**

In Loving Memory of Justin Larsen, Roy  
Sudenga, and Kelsey Johnson

**Carol Carstensen**

In Loving Memory of Jack Carstensen

**Carol & Gordon Erickson**

In Loving Memory of Virginia Glen Mattil  
& Minnie Erickson

### **Candles Glowing Verses 1 - 4 (Lyrics Only)**

Candles glowing, promise showing the great hope that calms our fear.

Darkness scatters, worry shatters,

Christ will always draw us near.

Calms our sighing, hears out crying,

helps our trying, love undying;

Christ will always draw us near!

Christ will always draw us near!

Candles glowing, promise showing holy peace so still and bright.

New tomorrow, free from sorrow: living in Christ's holy light.

Shunning violence, loving neighbor, joy of silence, trust our savior:

Living in Christ's holy light!

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Candles glowing, promise showing joy that fills our very soul.

Grace abounding, hymns resounding, Christ restores and makes us whole.

Mercies gleaming, wonders beaming, justice streaming, Christ redeeming:

Christ restores and makes us whole!

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Candles glowing, promise showing love that makes the world anew.

Shines in glory, tells the story: Christ's own love will see us through.

With the outcast and unwelcome, Christ is steadfast, brings us all home.

Christ's own love will see us through!

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